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SUBJECT: FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE FOR PEOPLE TO PEOPLE

BASKETBALL TEAM

REF: BANGUI 283

1. CU/AF DESK OFFICER CONTACTED PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AT THEIR NEW ADDRESS FOR THE PAST 18 MONTHS, 98 CUTTER MILL RD., GREAT NECK, N.Y. 11021, PHONE 516-482-5158.

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TOM ALLEN DEFINITELY HOPES TO FIELD ONE TEAM OF COLLEGE PLAYERS TO CENTRAL AFRICA IN SUMMER. BECAUSE TEAM MEMBERS WILL BE IN SCHOOL UNTIL EARLY JUNE, NONE OF THE DATES OFFERED BY GOCAR ARE ACCEPTABLE. ALLEN STATES THAT ANY SEVEN TO TEN DAY PERIOD IN JUNE THROUGH AUGUST WOULD BE POSSIBLE, ALTHOUGH HE SUGGESTS THAT LOGISTICALLY EARLY TO MID JUNE OR LATE AUGUST MIGHT BE BETTER. APPARENTLY, SEVERAL TEAMS ARE TRYING TO EARN ENOUGH MONEY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, SO ALLEN DOESN'T

KNOW WHICH BLACK COLLEGE WILL BE REPRESENTED. GOCAR WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL IN-COUNTRY LODGING, MAINTENANCE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TRAVEL, AND MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES. EMBASSY WOULD BE

EXPECTED TO PROVIDE INTERPRETER.

3. FYI, AN ANALYSIS OF PEOPLE TO PEOPLE'S PAST PERFORMANCE SHOWS THAT THEY HAVE BEEN MUCH MORE SUCCESSFUL AT PROMISING THAN DELIVERING, ESPECIALLY FOR AFRICA.
END FYI.

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